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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the office action dated 7/6/2009, Applicant herewith elects the **species I, claims 32-55, Figs. 1 to 15**, for further prosecution.

Applicant would like to point out the following error in examiner's action: examiner has stated in the office action that the species I relates to Figs. 1 to 14 and species II to Figs 15 to 17 and that Figs. 15 to 17 have a common feature in that the receptacle is pivotable. It is respectfully submitted that it is not the receptacle that is pivotable in Fig. 15 but a flap 37 that acts as valve for switching between the two chambers (see page 9, 1st paragraph of the specification): the main valves are formed by the switching flap 37. There is no mention of a pivotable receptacle. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that Fig. 15 be included in species I.

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